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**For: FLOW CYTOMETRY FOR HIGH
THROUGHPUT SCREENING**

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 13, 2001, the period of response to which is set to expire on December 13, 2001. Please amend the above-captioned application, without prejudice or disclaimer, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, as indicated below (A redlined version of each of the amended claims accompany the present Amendment):

Please cancel claim 8 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. (Twice Amended) A flow cytometry apparatus for the detection of particles from a plurality of samples comprising:

means for moving the plurality of samples comprising particles from a plurality of respective source wells into a fluid flow stream, said means for moving the plurality of samples comprising a peristaltic pump;